

Minutes – Joint Meeting
Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID
May 8, 2008

Attendance: HBID Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson, Thaddeus Smith, Dan Chismire, Jeff Hanlon. Not Present: David Bolour, Nathan Korman. SVBID Committee Members Present: Darcy Judd, Chairperson; Richard Falzone. Not Present: Brent Gaulke, Fred Rosenthal. Liaisons: Senior Lead Officer Danny Pesqueira, Deputy Jerry Hankerson, LASD; Bill Farrar, Steve Seyler, Andrews International; Larry Webster, Will Rivera, LA City Attorney's Office; Guests: Sonny Rouel Forbidden City. Staff: Kerry Morrison, Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance;

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairpersons Darcy Judd and John Tronson at 10:05 A.M.

II. Public Comment: None

III. Approval of SVBID Minutes: Due to a lack of quorum the Hollywood Entertainment District Security Committee could not approve their minutes.

It was moved by Richard Falzone, seconded by Brent Gaulke and **CARRIED to approve the minutes from November 8, 2007, February 14, 2008 and March 13, 2008 Joint Security Committee Meetings for the Sunset and Vine BID Security Committee.** Unanimously approved.

IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International: Steve Seyler discussed actions taken by Andrews to tackle incidents of drinking in public. When people are either warned or arrested for drinking in public, the officers are going to ask from which liquor store the alcohol was purchased. Seyler also presented the highlights from the monthly report that was prepared and distributed to the Committee.

B. Deployment Report:

1. Report from LAPD: Officer Danny Pesqueira gave an overview of statistics for the Hollywood area to the Committee. Officer Pesqueira reported that currently violent crime and property crime is down, along with arrests. The LAPD is preparing for a Cruiser Task Force coming up in the next month. Officer Pesqueira informed the committee that the station used the Hollywood Entertainment District donated surveillance cameras to make some "impromptu arrests" last Monday. With the help of the cameras the officers were able to make 18 arrests. The LAPD is also reviewing tapes from the camera located at Hollywood and Vine to aid in the arson investigation of the Basque fire that occurred earlier in the month.

2. Report from LASD: Deputy Jerry Hankerson reported that the Sheriffs' Department is currently working with PATH to try and place homeless clients that are camping on the trains in shelters or alternative programs. Deputy Hankerson says that the program is designed to help these individuals rather than continuing to arrest them. Deputy Hankerson and the LASD have also been engaging in a task force to help keep juveniles in school. A truancy sweep recently conducted on the Red Line yielded 54 kids that were truant from school. Deputy Hankerson informed the Committee that he is working with a new Lieutenant, Suzan Young, and that she is hoping to attend next month's Security Committee meeting.

3. Report from L.A. City Attorney's Office: City Attorney Will Rivera reported to the Committee that he recently had attended Selma Elementary's Open House. Rivera informed the Committee that he is currently working with the school's administration to try and schedule a day for the students to take a field trip to the Hollywood Court and engage in a "mock trial." Rivera also mentioned that the Hollywood area has been experiencing heavy gang activity on the east side of the division. It is exacerbated by the fact that some rival gang members are being buried at Hollywood Forever Cemetery. Rivera is working with the City Attorney's office to see if the area can be assigned a gang deputy to help mitigate some of the issues that are occurring. Rivera also recommended to the Committee that an Ad-Hoc Committee should possibly be started to take a more in-depth look at (and possibly mediate) noise issues occurring in the area, as the City Attorney's Office is still continuing to experience complaints from residents. Lastly, Rivera reported that he has also been involved with dealing with "eye-sores" in the area, and thinks the city should try to have a position on unifying signage. Morrison said the BID is currently looking at this issue as well.

V. New Business

1. Selma Park Celebration: Joe Mariani informed the Committee that the HPOA along with Andrews International, Eric Garcetti's Office, Community Leaders of Hollywood and several other community organizations have been working to plan a Family Day at Selma Park on Saturday, May 31, 2008 from 12:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. The event is designed to let neighboring families with children know that the park has been reclaimed as a "kid's park," 100% dedicated to parents and their children. Mariani mentioned that all Committee members, along with their families and friends were welcome to attend.

2. Training Opportunity for Area Security Officers or Property Owner by LAPD Counter-Terrorism Division: Morrison informed the Committee that she had been visited by two officers from LAPD who are able to provide a training session for area businesses, property managers and/or security guards as to how to be vigilant about potential terrorist threats in Hollywood. The

Committee agreed that this would be a good service to offer and encouraged Morrison to work to schedule a training opportunity.

3. Nerds Night Out: Morrison asked for committee input on a good night to schedule a “in the trenches” observation opportunity of all the issues that characterize Hollywood at night: traffic, valet parking, public drunkenness and noise. The night recommended was Saturday June 7 and Morrison will work to organize a “night out” for Board and committee members.

VI. Old Business

1. Noise Issues

a. Report from Hollywood and Vine Meeting 5/8/2008: Tronson and Morrison reported on a meeting held between all parties involved in the noise issues that have surfaced in the NE corner (block) of Hollywood and Vine. In the meeting were residents, property owners, a parking lot owner, LAPD, City Attorney and BID representatives. The meeting was quite informative insofar as understanding how the city’s municipal code is ambiguous and difficult to enforce in certain respects. The property owner, and the parking lot owner, agreed to certain measures they would undertake to control behaviours, crowds and unlawful activity. It was agreed that, if necessary, another meeting would be held in three months.

B. Homeless Issues

a. Report from April 30 Business Roundtable: Morrison and Tronson reported on the impact that the presentation, delivered by Philip Mangano, the head of the US Interagency Council on Homelessness, had on business and community leaders gathered at the Roosevelt Hotel on 4/30/08. The momentum is growing for Hollywood to work on its own 10-year plan to end homelessness and the realization that permanent supportive housing is necessary to help people off the streets is growing.

b. Report from Meetings with Feeding Programs – March 25 and April 22, 2008: Morrison reported that progress is being made with respect to fostering dialogue and cooperation among the 8+ feeding programs that currently operate in Hollywood. There is an understanding that collaboration on some fronts may be useful.

c. Camera Installation Progress – Sunset and Vine: Morrison reported that the permission from CRA to install the repeater on the Arclight parking structure remains the only hurdle to successfully installing the camera system to protect Sunset and Vine. She also reported that a property owner at Selma and Argyle, frustrated by acid etching on his property within days of his removing the scaffolding from a remodel of his commercial two-story office building, would like to discuss with the Committee the prospect of installing a camera at that intersection, shared by the two BIDs.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. in Suite 200 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine St., Hollywood, CA. 90028).

VIII. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by Chairpersons Darcy Judd and John Tronson at 11:20 a.m.